

## Project Supporters

TRANS-ACTION, a local transportation advocacy group, has identified the need to improve traffic flow in the downtown Selah area as one of 28 transportation needs for the Upper Yakima Valley.

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Washington State Department of Transportation  
Yakima County  
City of Moxee  
City of Union Gap  
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People for People  
Yakima Greenway  
For a Better Tomorrow  
Yakima Transit  
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Yakima Valley Conference of Governments  
Yakama Nation  
City of Selah  
City of Yakima  
Associated General Contractors  
Washington Truckers Association  
New Vision  
Yakima Auto Dealers Association  
Start Yakima Foundation  
Prudential Almon Commercial  
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Town of Naches

TRANS-ACTION is a group of local business leaders, elected officials, local jurisdictions, and other community members. The group shares a common goal, to encourage economic vitality by developing prioritized transportation strategies to meet the long-range needs of the greater Yakima area and exploring funding opportunities for the identified projects.



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# Wenas Corridor/SR 823 Improvements

## What are the proposed improvements?

The City of Selah is planning a series of improvements that will route truck traffic away from the congested downtown streets and provide better access to the city's industrial area.

### South Wenas Avenue & East 5th Avenue

Add lanes & traffic signal light . . . . . \$2.40 million

### East Fremont Avenue & SR 823

Add a traffic signal light . . . . . \$0.35 million

### North Park Drive

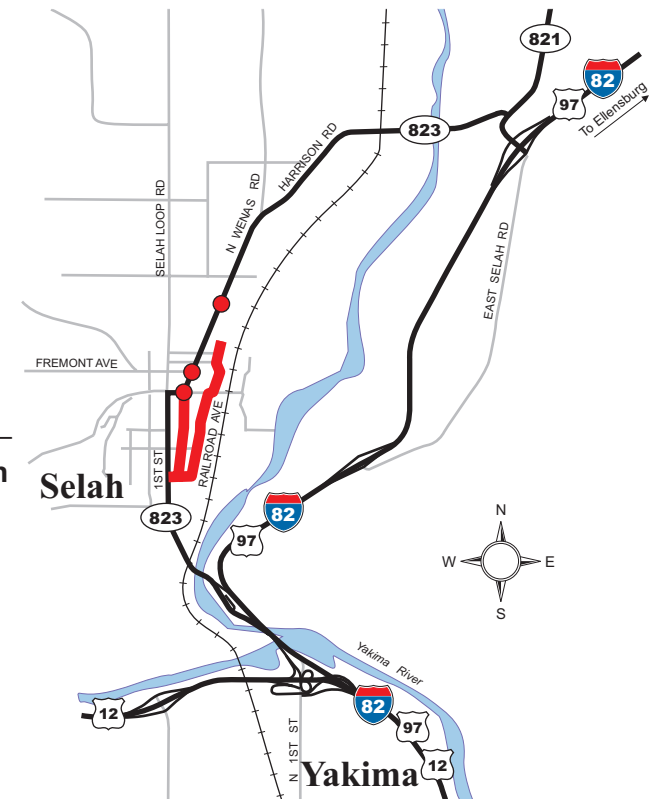
Add a traffic signal light & pedestrian underpass . \$1.35 million

### Railroad Avenue

Improve road . . . . . \$3.20 million

**Estimated Total Project Cost:** . . . . . **Funded \$7.30 million**

Note: The Estimated Total Project Cost includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs.



## Why are these projects needed?

The Wenas Corridor/SR 823 improvements will reduce congestion in the city's downtown area, improve freight mobility and efficiency, provide infrastructure for developing commercial and recreational areas, and increase safety for motorists and pedestrians.

These improvements are extremely important to the economic vitality of Selah and the Upper Yakima Valley. SR 823 passes through the middle of Selah and connects the city to I-82. Railroad Avenue serves as the primary transportation route for the city's food processing industries. Moving traffic away from the congested downtown area and adding traffic signals along the route will provide several benefits:

- Relieve traffic congestion in downtown Selah
- Improve the truck route for farm-to-market agricultural products
- Increase freight mobility for Selah's major food processing industries including Tree Top, Larson Fruit, Matson Fruit, and Yakama Nation Juice
- Provide needed infrastructure for the developing Wenas Road commercial area, which is planned to include a fitness and aquatics center, entertainment, lodging, restaurants, and other retail businesses

### MAKING EVERY DOLLAR COUNT.

This project is funded in part by the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package. The main source of funding is a 9.5¢ increase in the gas tax, phased in over four years. The package also includes a new vehicle weight fee and increases in other license fees and charges.



## Wenas Corridor/SR 823 Improvements

### South Wenas Avenue & East 5th Avenue Improvements

**Location:** Naches Avenue to 5th Avenue to South First Street

**Description:**

- Reconstruct the road and widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes
- Add a traffic signal light at Naches Avenue
- Reconstruct sidewalks on both sides of the road
- Reconstruct curbs and gutters
- Reconstruct storm drainage system
- Add lighting

SR 823 is the primary connection between Selah and I-82. The route passes through the busy downtown area along Naches Avenue, which is frequently congested and lined with parking on both sides of the street. The planned improvements to South Wenas Avenue and East 5th Avenue will move truck traffic away from the downtown area and provide better access to the city's industrial food processing businesses.

### East Fremont Avenue Improvement

**Location:** Intersection of SR 823/North Wenas Road and Fremont Avenue

**Description:**

- Add a traffic signal light at Fremont Avenue

Fremont Avenue is a collector for many city streets and is the primary route to one of the city's schools. A traffic signal light will improve traffic flow between SR 823/North Wenas Road and Fremont Avenue.

### North Park Drive Improvements

**Location:** Intersection of SR 823/North Wenas Road and future North Park Drive

**Description:**

- Add a traffic signal light at North Park Drive
- Add a pedestrian underpass

North Park Drive is part of a new commercial development that will include a fitness and aquatics center, restaurants, and retail businesses. This new commercial area will be across the highway from several schools and Carlon Park. High pedestrian traffic is expected in this location along with increased motor vehicle traffic.

### Railroad Avenue Improvements

**Location:** 5th Avenue to the end of Railroad Avenue

**Description:**

- Reconstruct and widen the road
- Add a storm drainage system

Railroad Avenue is the primary access route for Selah's food processing plants and cold storage warehouses, and needs to be widened to accommodate the commercial truck traffic. Businesses in this area are expanding, and road improvements are needed to better accommodate the commercial truck traffic.

